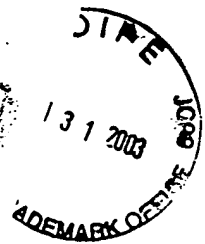


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before January 27, 2003, because January 26, 2003, was a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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